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Info:

In View request for help in establishing Air Force or Navy made by Libyans in current UK-GOL negotiations, request you inform British we strongly hope they will take all available opportunities to discourage the Libyans from seeking to create Air Force or Navy which would absorb resources required for essential budgetary and economic development needs.

Department unaware any indications given to British that we would be prepared increase assistance to Libya in FY 58 beyond figures cited in Benghazi's 190 and we are not repeat not considering raising our aid beyond this level. You might note, in giving British this information, that total US assistance offered Libya this FY $22.65 million excluding any DLF applications that may be approved.

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